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Minutes 09/09/2013

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2013

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dunn, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro.

Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

Mr. Dunn asked for a moment of silence in memory of Robert Murray. Mr. Murray was a member of the Board of Selectmen from March 1976 to 1987.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: August 19, 2013
 - b. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
Tufts Incorporated, 142R Mystic Avenue, Medford, MA
 - c. Request: Two One Day Beer & Wine Licenses, 9/20 @ Whittemore Robbins House and 9/21 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall Auditorium
Premier Bartending for AHS 50th Reunion
 - d. REAPPOINTMENTS
Arlington Preservation Fund
Clark L. Griffith
Patrick B. Guthrie
Albert L. Stevens
(terms to 9/2014)
Andrew S. Fischer
Amy Lee Slade
(terms to expire 2/2016)
Carol Kowalski
John L. Worden III
(terms to expire 7/2016)
Board of Registrar of Voters
Florence McGee
(term to expire 9/2016)
 - e. For Approval: St. Agnes School 125th Anniversary Fun Walk/Run, 9/28
Virginia Lawrence, Chairperson
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
2. Request: Support of Robbins Farm Dog Statue Project
Roly Chaput and 'Dog Committee': Elaine Backman, Don Kalisher, Judy Leicht, Tony Vogel, Oakes Plimpton
Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report. SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

3. Introduction: Newly Appointed Zoning Board of Appeals Member
Christian Klein
Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Appointment: Arlington Cultural Council
Patricia S. Myers
term to expire 7/2016)
Agenda item was withdrawn.

5. Approval: Inter-Agency Agreement (Police)
Juliana Rice, Town Counsel
Fred Ryan, Police Chief

The Board approved the Massachusetts Interagency Mutual Aid Agreement authored by Chief Ryan at the behest of a committee of police chiefs in Middlesex County with the help of Town Counsel Rice. As of Monday, 26 of the 54 towns and cities in the county had already received approval from local government for the move aimed at removing unnecessary restriction on police work. The policy change allows officers to pursue suspects for a wide range of crimes, but retains policies holding individual departments responsible in liability cases.

7:30 p.m. Public Hearing

6. Request: Common Victualler and Wine & Malt License-Transfer
Christopher J. Rizza, JJ SU and Family, Inc. d/b/a Thai E-Sarn Cuisine,
1377 Massachusetts Avenue (former Tom Young Koong)
Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request: Common Victualler and All Alcohol License-New
Public Entertainment, Outside Seating/Café Permit
Bob O'Guin, Blog LLC, d/b/a Common Ground of Arlington, 319 Broadway
John Leone, Esq.

The following residents appeared before the Board in opposition to the restaurants opening:

Mr. Robert Mirak, owner of the Legacy Apartments, stated he was not against the Common Ground opening a restaurant, but his tenants were concerned about the noise and its hours of operation. He submitted a petition signed by 80 of his tenants.

Michael Ruderman, 9 Alton Street, stated that he is afraid that if there is one pouring establishment in Arlington open until midnight that will become Arlington's last call.

The following spoke in favor of the opening of Common Ground:

Jay Eberle, 87 Bartlett Avenue
Tess Hartwell, 331 Lake Street
Cathy Zolner, 16 Russell Street
Nancy Knoff, 87 Bartlett Avenue

The Board will revisit the outdoor seating and awning permit at a later date.

Mr. Dunn stated the Board would consider changing the town's policy which prohibits restaurants from serving alcohol outside at a future Selectmen's meeting.

Mr. Byrne suggested that Mr. O'Guin consider closing the windows at 10:00 p.m.

to help eliminate excess noise. Mr. Dunn also agreed with Mr. Byrne and although it is not a condition of the permit, Mr. O'Guin agreed verbally to close the windows.

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

8. Request: Second Hand Dealer License

Barbara Marley d/b/a Buzzy's Bazaar, 25B Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established. It should be noted that there is a three minute time limit to present a concern or request.

Paolo Marinelli, Brooks Avenue appeared before the Board regarding the repaving of Massachusetts Avenue from the MBTA Bus Depot to Richardson

Avenue. He wanted to remind the Board that several years ago TAC recommended the installation of thermoplastic crosswalks instead of brick crosswalks. He is very disappointed that this was not incorporated into the project.

Town Manager Chapdelaine stated that he would consult with the Director of Public Works Michael Rademacher and will be in contact with him.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

10. Discussion: Master Plan Progress

Carol Kowalski, Director, Planning and Community Development

Charles Kalauskas

The Board asked Ms. Kowalski to submit a draft letter regarding the Master Plan Progress at their next meeting on September 30th. Mr. Byrne stated it is a great process and opportunity for everyone to be involved.

11. Democratic Appointee: Board of Registrar of Voters

Daniel J. Dunn, Chair

Mr. Curro moved that Adele Kraus be appointed as the new Registrar. SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Discussion: Alewife/Greenway

Daniel J. Dunn, Chair

The Board asked Town Manager Chapdelaine to send a letter to DCR regarding issues discussed at their meeting with DCR last July. SO VOTED (5-0)

Also, Mr. Dunn asked Mrs. Krepelka to place on the Agenda at their meeting on September 30th a request to erect "No Parking Signs" on Boulevard Road/Lafayette Street.

13. Discussion and Approval: Board of Selectmen and Manager Goals, FY14-FY15

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

John L. Worden III
President, Arlington
Preservation Fund, Inc.

By-Law Changes

Be Rec'd

Claudia Hughes
20 Webster Street

Memorialize Dahill Family

Be Rec'd

Mr. Greeley moved to send request to the Public Memorial Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Stephen Harrington
74 Columbia Road

Cemetery Commission Chair

Be Rec'd

Mr. Dunn moved to refer to Town Manager for review.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of Correspondence Received.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Town Manager Chapdelaine and the Board of Selectmen all thanked Town Counsel Juliana Rice for her outstanding service to the Town of Arlington for the past five years. She will be greatly missed.

Mr. Curro stated the Friends of Arlington Council on Aging 5K Race was a great success and praised all the volunteers. He also reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting for Thompson School on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 2:00 p.m., Town Day, Saturday, Sept. 21st and the unveiling of the Uncle Sam Sign at the Uncle Sam Plaza at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Byrne echoed Mr. Curro's comments regarding the 5K Race and also thanked the Arlington High School Football Team for volunteering.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next schedule meeting of BOS is September 30th

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